

**Subject:** Re: Intro to Eric DeSobe at GPSN  
**From:** Jim Kennedy <jkennedy@exteraschools.org>  
**Date:** 12/5/18, 1:39 PM  
**To:** Eric DeSobe <edesobe@greatpublicschoolsnow.org>  
**CC:** jcofresi@ccsa.org

Hi Eric and Josue,

Thank you Josue for facilitating this connection. I really appreciate the support! (hug)

Eric, we are currently exploring options for growth. In particular, we are investigating the possibility of opening a school in Montebello USD, a district that is adjacent to our current schools. We are also considering a new school within the LAUSD. (That would probably be on the back burner in case plans to open in Montebello fall through or are delayed for an extensive period of time.)

We are definitely interested in proceeding with an application for the planning grant. Please send the materials so that we can follow up.

Thank you again,

Jim

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On Dec 5, 2018, at 9:29 AM, Eric DeSobe  
<[edesobe@greatpublicschoolsnow.org](mailto:edesobe@greatpublicschoolsnow.org)> wrote:

Thanks Josue.

Jim, let me know if you'd like to proceed with an application for our planning grant and I can send appropriate materials over. Thanks so much.

-Eric

On Tue, Dec 4, 2018 at 2:28 PM Josue Cofresi <[jcofresi@ccsa.org](mailto:jcofresi@ccsa.org)> wrote:

Hello Jim,

I am writing to connect you with Eric DeSobe (CC-ed), who is taking on school growth work at [Great Public Schools Now](#) while Lauren Tate is out on maternity leave. As I believe you know, GPSN has an established planning grant for quality start-up teams or existing charters planning replication or expansion. The grant covers school development costs incurred up until the authorization of a charter.

In a recent call with Eric, I discussed Extera Public Schools and my impressions of your team's capacity, track record, and future growth plans. As a result of that discussion, he is interested in connecting with you to learn about your schools and what's in store for your replication plans.

Jim and Eric, I'll leave the next step of actually connecting to you both.

All the best,

**Josue Cofresi**

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